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Sir:

Please supply the undersigned attorney with a second corrected filing receipt for the above-identified application. The undersigned also respectfully requests that the Patent and Trademark Office records be amended to reflect the correction.

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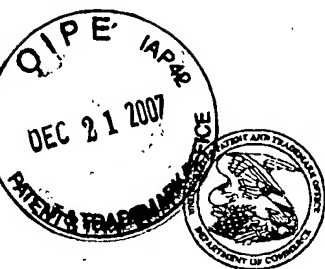
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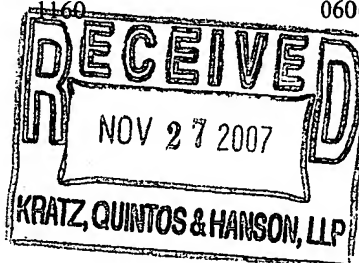


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Title

Nicotine-Reducing Agent and Nicotine Reduction Method

Nicotine-Reducing Agent And Nicotine Reducing Method

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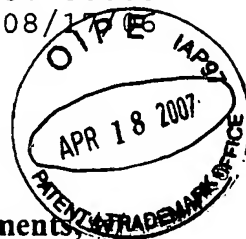
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Declaration, Notification, the verified English translation of
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in connection with the above-identified case.

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DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

NICOTINE-REDUCING AGENT AND NICOTINE REDUCTION METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

☒ was filed on February 18, 2005 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/JP2005/002649 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) – (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

Priority Claimed

(List prior foreign applications. See note A)

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| <u>2004-43610</u> (Number) | <u>Japan</u> (Country) | <u>19/02/2004</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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